

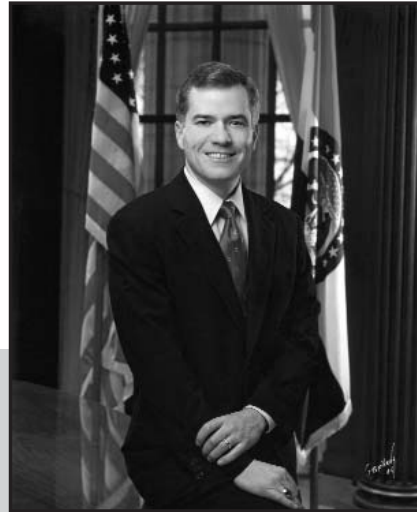


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who have given their lives
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Dear Fellow Missourians:

This Driver Guide is a resource for new and experienced drivers alike. It gives new drivers an opportunity to learn about the rules of the road and serves as a refresher course for more experienced drivers.

No matter where you travel throughout the Show Me State, remember to make safety a priority. Thank you for doing your part to ensure Missouri's roads are safe for the drivers, passengers, and pedestrians who use them every day.

Sincerely,

Matt Blunt

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INTRODUCTION

Carefully studying the *Missouri Driver Guide* will increase your driving confidence and broaden your knowledge of Missouri traffic rules and regulations. The more knowledge you have, the safer you are!

To test your knowledge of traffic laws, you will need to take a written test of 25 multiple-choice questions. Studying this guide will prepare you for that test. You must correctly answer 20 questions to pass the test. All of the test questions come directly from information found in this guide. There are no “trick” questions.

To test your ability to drive a vehicle, you must take a driving skills test. Your examiner realizes a driving test will probably be an unusual experience for you, and you might even become nervous or uneasy. If you do become nervous or fearful, please remember your examiner has accompanied many other people exactly like you, and the examiner rides with you only to make sure you can control your vehicle and observe the rules of safety. Your examiner will not try to trick you in any way. Remember that thousands of people pass this test every year and become licensed drivers. If they can do it, so can you! Just relax and do the best you can.

We would like to hear your comments and questions about the material included in this manual:

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The names and telephone numbers of other related agencies and offices are located inside the back cover of this guide.

If you need a *Missouri Commercial Driver License Manual* or *Motorcycle Operator Manual*, you may request one from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, or any license office. The *Missouri Commercial Driver License Manual* and the *Motorcycle Operator Manual* are also posted on our web site: www.dor.mo.gov.

Safety is on Your Shoulders

Since 1931, 27 Missouri State Highway Patrol Troopers have been killed in the line of duty. Eight of those officers were killed after being struck by a vehicle, whose driver was either impaired or not paying attention. The number one contributing circumstance to traffic crashes in Missouri is driver inattention. Please slow down and move over away from stationary emergency vehicles along the side of the road with their emergency equipment activated. **IT'S THE LAW.**



The law (Section 304.022, RSMo.) requires motorists to yield the right-of-way and immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as far as possible to the right of, the traveled portion of the highway and thereupon stop and remain in such position until such emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer.

A revision to the law, which became effective August 28, 2002, requires motorists upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying lighted red or red and blue lights to:

- (1) Proceed with caution and yield the right-of-way, if possible, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the stationary vehicle, if on a roadway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or
- (2) Proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be unsafe or impossible.

Violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor.